



BY THE
LORDS JUSTICES
AND
COUNCIL,
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PROCLAMATION.

Berkeley, Gallway.

WHEREAS We the Lords Justices and Council of this Kingdom, because of the great Scarcity and Dearnels of Corn, have by several former Proclamations, strictly Prohibited and Forbid the Exportation of all manner of Corn, Grain and Meal, out of all or any Ports, Creeks or Members in this Kingdom, to any parts beyond the Seas, untill Our farther Order to the contrary; which Proclamations had very little or no Effect, for that several Merchants and others, to elude the said Proclamations by Confederacy and Combination, Made up and Baked very great quantities of Bread and Bisket, and also made great quantities of Starch, and afterwards Transported the same into several parts beyond the Seas, Whereby the Price of all sort of Grain and Meal was so greatly enhanced, that the poorer people of this Kingdom, Were in great danger of being Starved; and thereupon We the Lords Justices and Council, did by another Proclamation Dated the Seaventh Day of February last past, upon full Consideration of the several Complaints made from several parts of this Kingdom, of the Miserable and Deplorable condition of the poorer sort of People, occasioned by the Dearnels of all sort of Grain and Meal; not only strictly Prohibit and Forbid the Exportation of all manner of Corn, Grain and Meal whatsoever, but also all Bread, Bisket, Starch, or other Materials made of Corn, Grain or Meal (except necessary Provisions for Ships) and We having then considered that such Merchants and

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and others, had bought great quantities of Corn, Grain and Meal of all sorts, and several Farmers of this Kingdom, who then had great Stores of Corn, Grain and Meal, yet did not bring the same to the Markets, nor would Sell the same, in expectation that Corn and all sort of Grain and Meal would be Dearer in this Kingdom, by reason of the very great Scarcity thereof in most other parts of Europe, and out of a Prospect that the former Prohibitions against Exportation thereof, would be taken off before this last Harvest: We did farther by the said last Proclamation, Declare that the said Prohibition should continue untill Our farther Order to the contrary, which thereby We did Declare, We did not intend to Grant in any Case, untill after the Feast of All Saints next ensuing, as by the said several Proclamations may more fully appear. Since which time We the Lords Justices and Council have received farther Information, that several persons have lately bought and stored up very great quantities of Corn, Grain and Meal of all sorts in this Kingdom; and several Farmers and others who have great quantities of all sorts of Corn, Grain and Meal, will not bring the same into any the Markets in this Kingdom, or Sell the same for the relief of the poorer sort of Inhabitants of this Kingdom, in expectation that after the Feast of All Saints next, the said Prohibition will immediately be taken off, and the said persons at liberty to Export what quantities of such Corn, Grain and Meal they please, by reason whereof the Price of all sort of Corn, Grain and Meal, is at this time kept up, and raised in the several Markets and other places in this Kingdom, so very high and Dear, that the poorer sort of Inhabitants and People are in greater danger of being Starved then formerly, and must be forced to feed on some Unwholsome Food, to sustain and keep them alive, which may occasion great Sicknes and Contagious Distempers and Diseases in this Kingdom, if some timely Remedy be not applied thereto. We therefore the Lords Justices and Council, upon further Consideration thereof, think fit, and accordingly We do by this Our Proclamation, strictly Prohibit and forbid the Exportation of all manner of Corn, Grain and Meal whatsoever; and also all Corn, Grain and Meal whatsoever, Baked or Made up into Bread, Bisket, Starch, or in any manner out of, and from all the Ports of this Kingdom, or any of them to any parts beyond the Seas, Except such quantities only as shall be necessary for the Shipping which shall go out of this Kingdom for Provisions for the Ships Crew, and other persons on Board such Ships, during the respective Voyages for which such Ships are bound at the taking in such Provisions; the said Prohibition to continue not only to the Feast of All Saints next, as by the said Recited Proclamation of the Seaventh of February last is expressed, but also from and after the said Feast of All Saints next, untill We shall have received Information and Satisfaction, that the Prices of all sorts of Grain and Meal in this Kingdom are more moderate, so that the poor may be relieved. And We do hereby strictly Charge and Command all His Majesty's Surveyors, Collectors and other Officers, in the several Ports of this Kingdom, that they make strict Inquiry and Search after all Corn, Grain and Meal, Baked or Made up in Bread, Bisket, Starch, or in any other manner whatsoever, which shall be Shipped or put on Board any Ship, Boat or Vessel, in any Port or Place in this Kingdom, and that they make Stop of all such as they shall have reason to Apprehend may be designed to be Exported to any place beyond the Seas, untill they shall have signified the same to Us, and shall receive Our further Directions touching the same. And that they suffer no greater or other quantities therof, to be carried on Board such Ship, Boat or Vessel, save only what shall be necessary for the Provision for the Crew of such Ship, Boat or Vessel and other persons

persons on Board such Ship or Vessel, during their respective Voyages, for which such Ships, Boats or other Vessel are bound, at the time of the taking in such Provisions; and in Case they shall find any quantities of such Corn, Grain or Meal, or Corn, Grain or Meal Baked or made up in Bread, Bisket, Starch or otherwise, as aforesaid, to have been carried on Board any Ship, Boat or Vessel, more then what they shall Judge to be reasonably necessary for such Provisions for the persons in the said Ships, during such Voyages; that they make stop of such Ship or Vessel, and such Loading therin, until they have Informed Us therof, and shall receive Our further Directions touching the same.

And We do further strictly Charge and Require all such Customers, Collectors, or other Officers of, or belonging to His Majesty's Customs or Revenues, that they use their uttermost care and diligence, to hinder the Exportation of all manner of Corn in Grain, Meal, or made up in Bread, Bisket, Starch or otherwise howsoever, and to obviate and prevent all the Arts and Designs of Merchants or others, for Transporting the same out of this Kingdom, to any parts beyond the Seas, by any Ways, Means or Contrivance whatsoever, contrary to the intent and meaning of this, or Our said former Proclamations, or any of them. And We do further Charge and Require all Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, and all others His Majesty's Officers, that they be Aiding and Assisting in the due Execution of this Our Proclamation, from time to time as there shall be occasion, as they will Answer the contrary at their Perils.

And We do further Publish and Declare, that all Merchants and others, who shall be found to offend contrary to this, or Our said former Proclamations, Prohibiting the Exportation of Corn, Grain or Meal; as also all such as shall be Aiding and Assisting therein, or that have or shall be any way Instrumental in occasioning the Scarcity of Corn in the several Counties, Cities, Towns Corporate and Villages in this Kingdom, by Fore-stalling, Neglecting or Ingrossing, shall be proceeded against for such their Offences, with the utmost severity of Law. And in case any person or persons shall make Discovery of any Offender or Offenders, in Transporting any Corn in Grain or Meal, or made up in Bread, Bisket, Starch or otherwise, to any parts beyond the Seas, so as the person or persons Offending therein may be Apprehended and Prosecuted for such Offence, such Discoverer shall Receive from Us, a Reward according to the quantity of Corn so Discovered to have been Transported: That is to say, for every Barrel of such Corn in Grain or Meal, or made up in Bread, Bisket, Starch or otherwise, Three Shillings Sterl. which We will Order to be paid to such Discoverer, immediately upon or after the Conviction of such respective Offender or Offenders.

Given at the Council-Chamber in Dublin, the 20th day of October, 1699.

J. Methuen, C. N. Dublin, Meath, Inchiquin, Blesinton, St. Geo. Clogher,
Cha. Feilding, Ri. Pyne, Rob. Doyn, John Hanmer, H. Ingoldesby,
Chris. Wandesford.

God Save the King.

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